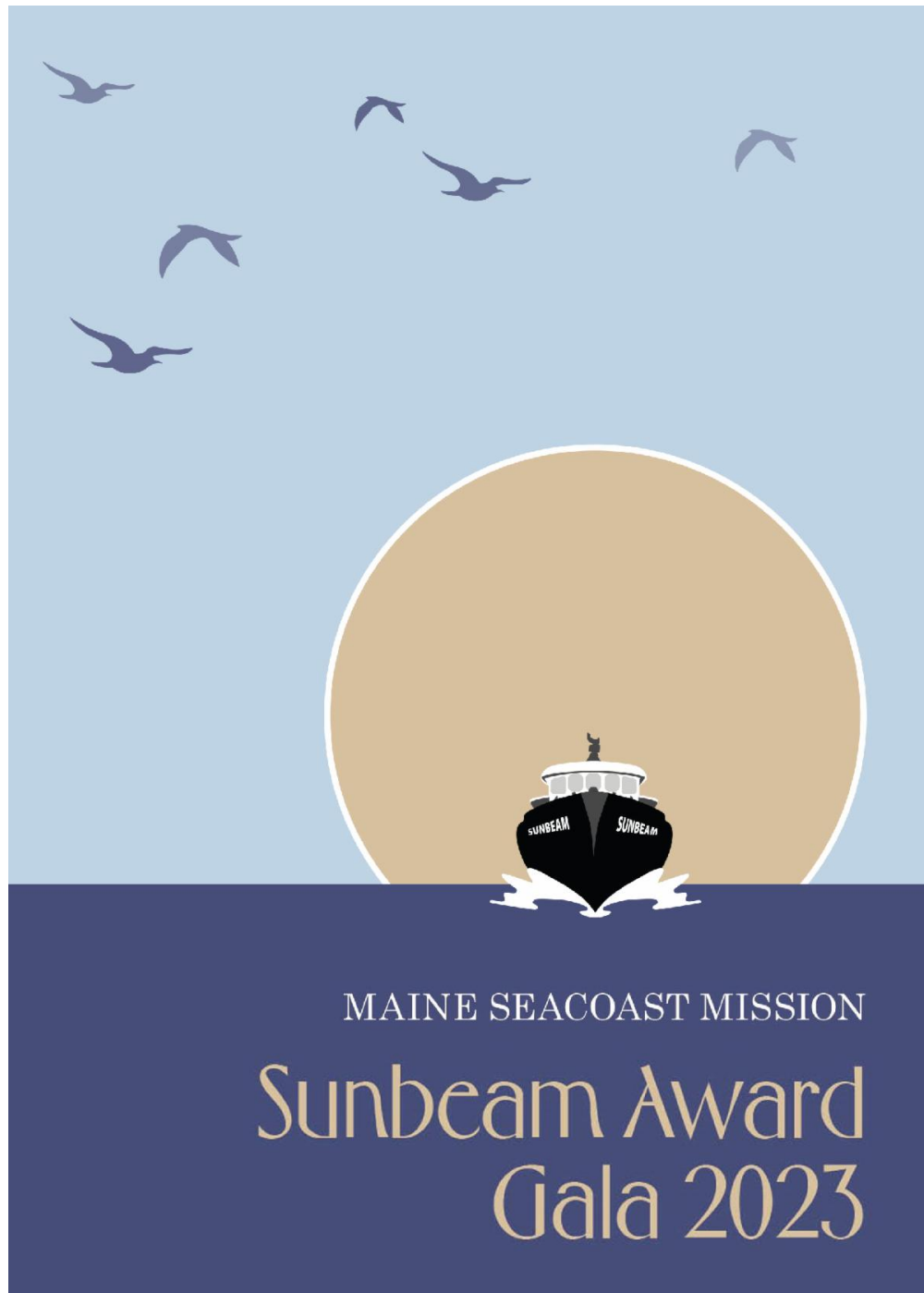




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Mission Stories of Outer Islands
& Coastal Downeast Maine



Reserve your seat for the *Sunbeam* Award Gala

Join the Mission to honor Sharon Daley, R.N. and the Mission's healthcare partners during the *Sunbeam* Award Gala on Thursday, August 17 at the Bar Harbor Club.

Reservations are now open for both full tables and individual seats.

This year's *Sunbeam* awardees were chosen for their commitment to provide exceptional care to island residents served by the *Sunbeam*. "Sharon and our healthcare partners have created a unique and powerful network that has served the residents of Maine's outer islands for more than 20 years," says Mission President John Zavodny.

To make reservations, contact Development Operations Associate David Snyder [by email](#) or [by phone at \(207\) 801-6010](#).

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The Bulletin: Finding belonging

The Spring 2023 issue of *The Bulletin* is making its way to mailboxes across the country. Based around the theme of belonging, President John Zavodny notes in his opening letter the recent community feedback about the organization. Community members share that the Mission "meets you where you are," "helps however you need help," and offers a "place to belong."

Belonging looks like different things to different people and *The Bulletin* features stories that highlight what that can look like.

To watch videos and hear from our staff, check out the spring issue's interactive version now available on our [Publications page](#).

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Music to dance to: Planet Pan visits two islands

Down at Steamboat Wharf, the music is bumping and a crowd gathers. It's around 5 p.m. and eleven steel band musicians rhythmically drum the familiar tune of *Take on Me* by A-Ha. On the little island of Matinicus, the resonant, cheerful melodies float up Harbor Road and islanders can hear the music well past the post office.

This week, the steel band Planet Pan will travel aboard the *Sunbeam* to perform on Matinicus and Swan's Island. By the end of the trip, they will have played for over 100 islanders and taught 25 elementary students. Planet Pan is made up of young adults ages 14 to 18...

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While one Journey ends, another begins

Ashlyn, DeVae, Katrina, Kaycee, Laney, Lydia, Makayla, Matthew, Megan, Michael, and Skylar

In 2018, these 11 seventh graders joined Journey. As a new education initiative of the Mission at the time, the program promised students would receive six years of mentoring with professional staff, community members, and their peers. Journey would get them outdoors, let them explore their communities, and help them develop the tools needed to successfully transition from high school to college and careers.

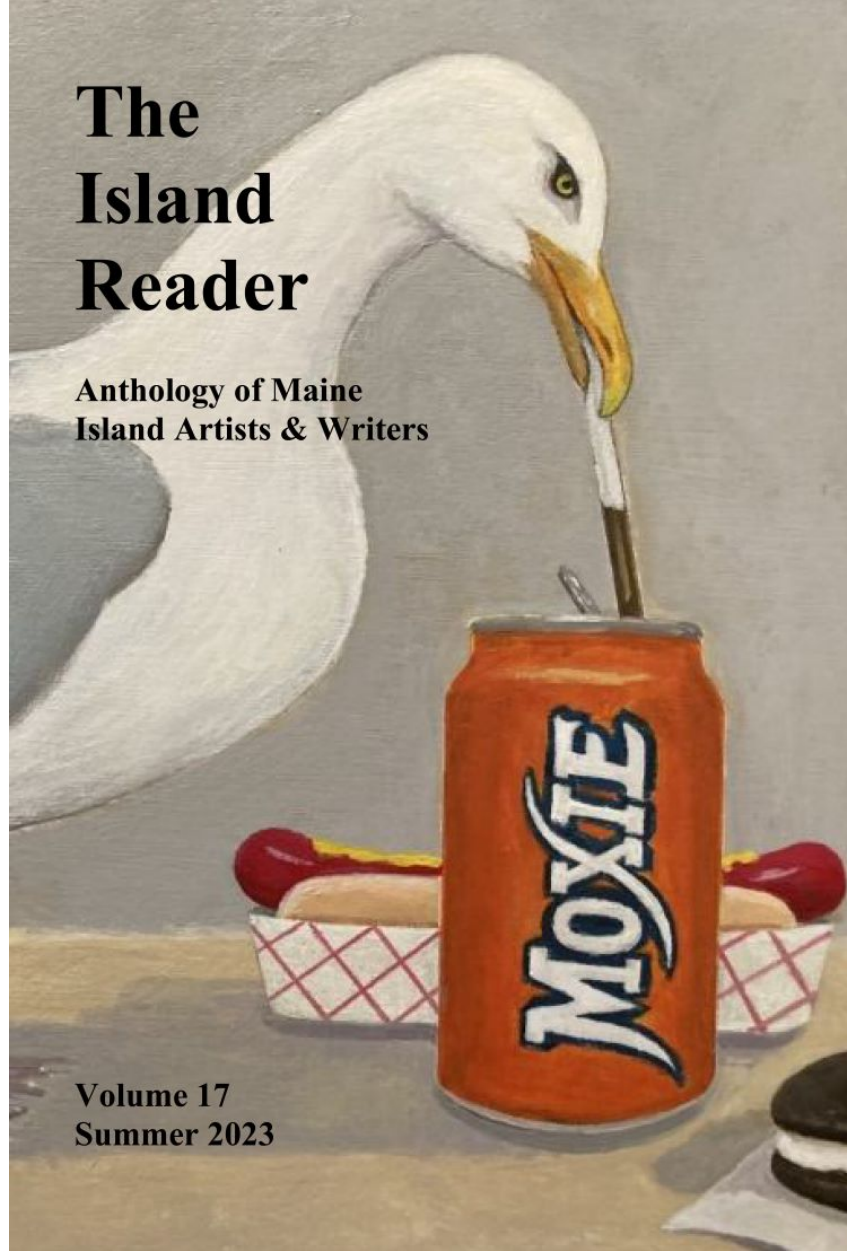
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The Island Reader

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Celebrating our island families

Families can be many things, they can be the ones we were born into, ones that we have created, or maybe ones that found us. The 17th edition of *The Island Reader* focuses on “Island Families” and includes poetry, a play, short stories, beautiful photographs, vibrant paintings, and other art that encapsulates the island experience created by 53 artists and writers. The submissions come from 11 islands stretching from Casco to Frenchman’s Bay including residents of Beal’s Island, Chebeague, Great Cranberry Island, Isle au Haut, Islesboro, Islesford, Matinicus, Monhegan, North Haven Island, Peaks Island, and Swans Island.

An independent, talented team of co-editors oversees content and selects what is included in each edition. In their letter at the beginning of *The Island Reader* they write that island families “are an extended family united by creative expression, by the rising and falling of tides...”

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A focus on literacy Downeast

There are a lot of different ways to read on the Mission's Downeast campus this summer. From a Story Walk to EdGE summer camp, Mission staff have come up with fun ways to keep kids engaged with reading and literacy all summer.

For the second year, there will be two Story Walks on the Cherryfield campus. A longer walk through the woods on the Mission's trails starts near the Weald Bethel Community Center. A shorter, more accessible walk will begin at the EdGE Center near the head of the campus...

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